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FILE: B-191526

DATE: May 10, 1978

MATTER OF: MEMCOM - Reconsideration

DIGEST:

Prior decision, holding agency properly rejected as late bid sent by registered mail less than 5 calendar days prior to bid opening and received day after bid opening, is affirmed notwithstanding protester's assertion that IFB was only issued 4 days prior to bid opening, since agency reports that IFB was issued and mailed to protester more than one month prior to bid opening.

MEMCOM requests reconsideration of our decision B-191526, April 6, 1978, wherein we held that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) properly rejected as late MEMCOM's bid which was sent by registered mail less than 5 calendar days prior to bid opening and was received after bid opening.

As grounds for reconsideration, MEMCOM asserts that the invitation for bids (IFB) was issued on March 17, 1978, only 4 days prior to the March 21, 1978, bid opening date, making it impossible for MEMCOM to submit its bid 5 days prior to bid opening.

We have been informed by the FAA that the IFB was synopsized on January 10, 1978, and issued and mailed to bidders, including MEMCOM, on February 17, 1978. Accordingly, we do not understand the basis for MEMCOM's assertion and find no basis for further reconsidering the matter. The prior decision is affirmed.

Deputy Comptrolle General of the United States